

Dejoynay Ferguson Sentenced to Life In Prison for Murder, Abuse of Child Victims

A Superior Court has sentenced a New Castle woman to life in prison for the repeated abuse and murder of a child, and the abuse of four other children in her care at a daycare facility where she was employed.

Dejoynay Ferguson pleaded guilty in April to Murder by Abuse First Degree, 6 counts of Child Abuse First Degree, and 2 counts of Child Abuse Second Degree.

“These are the crimes that make us hold our kids tighter,” said Attorney General Jennings. “This was among the most chilling and emotionally challenging cases that the DOJ has prosecuted in my career. Today we have held the perpetrator of these heinous crimes accountable and closed this chapter of a horrific and senseless tragedy. Dejoynay Ferguson will be in prison for the rest of her life. But I know that the road ahead is still long for the survivors and the victims’ families, who have suffered unfathomable anguish. All of us continue to hold them in our hearts.”

The investigation into Ferguson’s crimes was led by Delaware State Police’s Homicide Unit with support from the Department of Justice. Deputy Attorneys General James Kriner and Diana Dunn of the DOJ’s Special Victims Unit led Ferguson’s prosecution and secured her conviction.